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Letter dated 1 April 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the transfer to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) of Kosovo Albanian detainees by the authorities in Belgrade, issued on 27 March 2002 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the transfer to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) of Kosovo Albanian detainees by the authorities in Belgrade

The European Union welcomes the transfer to custody of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) of 146 Kosovo Albanian prisoners. The authorities thus fulfil their undertaking in that regard as contained in the UNMIK/Federal Republic of Yugoslavia common document of 5 November 2001. More importantly, they provide appropriate remedy to the prolonged detention of the Kosovo Albanians, while building confidence among communities in Kosovo itself.

The European Union encourages all concerned parties to continue to cooperate constructively in the other areas of common interest provided for in the UNMIK/Federal Republic of Yugoslavia common document.

The European Union urges the authorities in Belgrade to fulfil other important international obligations, including cooperation with the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. In doing so, they will move Serbia and Montenegro one step closer to European integration.